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In re Application of:
BRANDER et al.

For: ENHANCED MATCHING APPARATUS
AND METHOD FOR POST-TRADE
PROCESSING AND SETTLEMENT
OF SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

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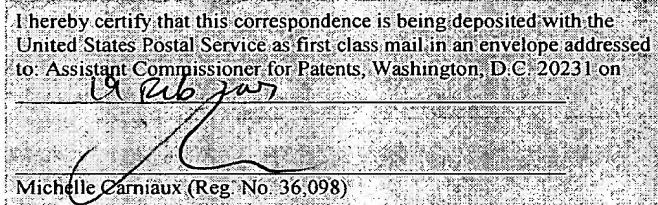
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REPLY BRIEF

SIR:

Appellants submit the present Reply Brief in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed January 31, 2003. Two duplicate copies of this Reply Brief are also being submitted herewith as a courtesy to the Patent Office.

For at least the reasons set forth below and in the Supplemental Appeal Brief mailed on November 19, 2002 and the Appeal Brief mailed on May 8, 2002, the rejections of claims 1-10 and 12-36 should be reversed.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 12-13 and 21-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over The Depository Trust Company filing, in view of the Hawkins patent ("Issue A"). Claims 14-17 and 19-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over The Depository Trust Company filing in view of the Lupien patent ("Issue B"). Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over The Depository Trust Company filing view of the Lupien patent and the